



The Maryland State Medical Society

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MEDCHI WARNS PHYSICIANS OF MARYLAND PHYSICIAN LICENSEE SCAM

BALTIMORE, December 2, 2020 – MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society, wants to make physicians aware that the Maryland Board of Physicians (the Board) has been alerted that fraudulent phone calls with people posing as the Board regarding an issue with NPI numbers, have been reported. The call came from 804-453-0437 and also what appeared to be a spoofed Board number at 410-764-4777. The Board would never contact you by phone for any NPI information.

A physician called the Board trying returning a call he received from a “Marcus Gallem”. The physician was concerned because they had no pending application for initial licensure, reinstatement, nor were they up for renewal.

Board staff called the number left for the physician, 1-804-453-0437, and asked to speak to Marcus Gallem. The gentleman identified himself as an investigator for the Medical Board of Maryland and when pressed for more information, or to talk to a supervisor, he then claimed he was the Chief Investigator but refused to give any identifying information such as website, email, or street address. One caller stated that their call had come from 410-764-4777, the Board's main line. On that call a different name was used, Robert Johnson, but the voices appeared to be the same.

If you receive any calls asking to contact the Board immediately or to give information you do not believe is applicable to you, please ignore it. The Board would reach out by email or paper notice if there was a need to discuss someone’s license status.

You can check out the front-page of the Board of Physicians website found at: <https://www.mbp.state.md.us/> for up-to-date information on this.

About MedChi

MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society, is a non-profit membership association of Maryland physicians. It is the largest physician organization in Maryland. The mission of MedChi is to serve as Maryland's foremost advocate and resource for physicians, their patients and the public health of Maryland. For more information, please visit www.medchi.org.